

Crimes Reported in Cambridge

January 1 to June 30

Crime	1999	2000	2001	2002	Change 00-02
Murder	0	1	1	5	Inc.
Rape	7	5	8	5	-50%
Stranger	2	1	1	1	N.C.
Non-Stranger	5	4	7	4	N.C.
Robbery	83	84	66	79	+20%
Commercial	8	11	14	17	+21%
Street	75	73	52	62	+19%
Agg. Assault	164	143	166	157	-5%
Burglary	250	231	252	384	52%
Commercial	88	74	57	82	+44%
Residential	162	157	195	302	+55%
Larceny	1297	1331	1364	1298	-5%
Building	314	306	266	268	+1%
Fm. Motor Vehicle	327	298	375	269	-29%
Person	135	162	209	210	N.C.
Bicycle	108	127	93	112	+24%
Shoplifting	195	201	252	239	-5%
Residence	103	105	89	109	+22%
MV Plate	70	86	46	49	+6%
Services	12	7	18	14	-22%
Misc.	33	39	16	28	+75%
Auto Theft	189	231	243	209	-14%
Total Violent	254	233	241	246	+2%
Total Prop.	1736	1793	1859	1891	+2%
Index Total	1990	2026	2100	2137	+2%

First Six Months in Review

During the first six months of 2002, there were forty additional index crimes reported when compared with the same time period last year. The increase from 2100 reports between January and the end of June of 2001 to 2140 incidents this year translates to a two percent increase in serious crimes. Violent crime rose two percent over the first six months of 2002 and property crime increased two percent during the first two quarters of this year.

There were two murders in Cambridge in June raising the index number for the first six months of the year to five incidents. The last time Cambridge reported five murders in a calendar year was 1995. There have not been more than seven murders in a year recorded in the City since the mid-1970s.

Of the five rapes so far reported in 2002, 4 involved known assailants, while one was classified as "blitz," where the victim and perpetrator did not know each other.

Robbery increased from 66 incidents during the first six months of 2001 to 79 reports during the same time period this year. The sixty-two street robberies have been concentrated in the Washington/Windsor Street section of Area 4, near the Galleria Mall, and on weekend nights near the periphery of Harvard Square.

Housebreaks rose from 195 incidents between January and June of 2001 to 302 reports during the same time period this year to record a 52% increase. Patrol Sector 5, which includes the Agassiz, Peabody and North Cambridge neighborhoods, has been hit with over a 200% increase in housebreaks.

January-June Crime, Past 5 Years

